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The Tolland Tattler

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPDEN, SS.

To the Constable of the TOWN OF TOLLAND in the County of Hampden
GREETING

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you
are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in
elections to meet at the TOWN HALL in said TOWN OF TOLLAND on Wednesday,
the fifth (5) day of October next at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purpose:

Article 1 To see if the town will vote to transfer from FREE CASH the
amount of \$6,154.00 for the purpose of the pre-abandonment
charge for the streetlight fixtures and removal of the transformers.

Article 2 To see if the town will vote to transfer from OVERLAY the
amount of 4,258.00 to fund administrative costs for the Tolland
Police Department. The Board of Selectmen recommends.

Article 3 To see if the town will vote to transfer from FREE CASH the
amount of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of property revaluation for
the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand five.

The Board of Selectmen recommends



The Town of Tolland is a member of the Greater Westfield Red Cross. The Westfield Chapter would serve Tolland residents in a time of need.

The Red Cross is asking us to please remember the victims of Hurricane Katrina and give generously for their relief.

You can make a tax deductible donation online at www.redcross.org or call the Greater Westfield Chapter directly to donate via credit card. You can also mail them a check.

Contact information:

American Red Cross/Westfield Chapter

48 Broad Street

Westfield, MA 01085

Phone: 413-562-9684 / Fax: 413-562-1206

The Granville-Tolland Citizens Scholarship Foundation announces its 2005 recipients. For 30 years the Foundation has annually awarded scholarships to undergraduate students from Granville and Tolland. An alphabetical list of this year's recipients, and the schools they are attending, is below. The most recent twelve year history of awards illustrates how far the Fund has come in its enabling Tolland and Granville students who are attending college. Thanks to all who contributed.

2005 GTCSF Scholarship Recipients and their Schools

Chadwick Berndt, Vermont Technical College, Randolph, VT
Michelle Canfield, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI
Hillary Carl, Northwestern CT Community College, Winsted, CT
Douglas Gladding, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, MA
Amy Goldrup Westfield State College, Westfield, MA
Seth Hodges, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
Nathaniel Holmes, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
Rebecca Houff, Framingham State College, Framingham, MA
Michelle Isner, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH
Rebecca Johnson, Baypath College, Longmeadow, MA
Nicholas Jones, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT
Aslyne Kellogg, Westfield State College, Westfield, MA
Kristine Kornely, Elmira College, Elmira, NY
Michael Kornely, St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT
Diane LaTaille, Bentley College, Waltham, MA
Linda LaTaille, Westfield State College, Westfield, MA
Christina McGorty, Westfield State College, Westfield, MA
Timothy McGorty, Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, FL
Gregory Miller, Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA
John Sadowski, Springfield Technical Community College, Springfield, MA
Justin Simeone, Mary Washington University, Fredericksburg VA
Seth Urbanoski, Emmanuel College, Boston, MA

Most Recent Twelve Year History Of Scholarship Awards & Number of Recipients:
Academic Year, Total Awards Given, + Average \$ Award Per Recipient

'05 - '06	\$16,500	22	\$750	'99- '00	10,850.	19	571
'04- '05	\$14,980	30	499	'98- '99	\$6,260.	21	298
'03- '04	\$10,404.	22	473	'97- '98	\$10,000	16	625
'02- '03	\$11,713.	26	451	'96- '97	\$8,600.	10	860
'01- '02	\$11,800.	20	590	'95- '96	\$4,660.	13	358
'00- '01	\$10,651.	25	426	'94- '95	\$4,355.	13	335

Tolland COA Flu Shot Clinic

While no definite date has been established for the Tolland COA Flu Shot Clinic this fall, seniors should stay tuned to the press and radio because it might occur in October, according to Lee VNA spokesperson, Wendy Tryon, who will conduct the clinic.

Please call Gert McKay, COA *Chairperson*, for more information, at 258-3336.

Council on Aging

Senior Transport Project Will Drive Granville & Tolland Seniors

Marge Liberty, Coordinator for the Senior Transport Project of the Second Congregational Church in Westfield, says that several volunteers drivers have come forward and the Project will now be able to offer escorted transportation to elders living in Granville and Tolland who need rides to shopping and medical appointments. Of course, additional volunteer drivers are always needed.

The volunteers use their own cars to transport seniors and receive mileage compensation for each trip they provide. The project is funded by Sarah Gillett Senior Services, Inc. of Westfield and the Second Congregational Church of Westfield.

Elders 60 years and older can use this service once a month for shopping, and for medical trips, as needed, as long as there are enough volunteer drivers. Riders are asked to make a donation for the service. Elders who need transportation, and persons of any age with valid driver's licenses that are willing to volunteer for this very important program, are asked to call Marge Liberty at 413-562-8796 for more information.

The Kiwanis are spearheading a drive to have every one in both Sandisfield and Otis who should be vaccinated do so.

The Lee VNA informs us that vaccine will be available sometime in October.

The dates and times for both Towns will be announced in the Eagle and in both Town newsletters if received in time. Watch for announcements from the VNA.

Every year 200,000 people contract the flu and 36,000 die from the infection. Vaccinations can reduce those numbers and protect you.

Up to October 24 the VNA announces people 65 years and older, anyone under 65 who works with people with chronic illnesses, pregnant women, and direct care givers working with the elderly will receive vaccinations.

There will be a second round for all others later in November.
The Kiwanis will conduct a program in the schools and for the Councils on Aging.
So please remember to have yourself vaccinated.



24 People Visit Ashintully Gardens on September 10, 2005

Twenty Tolland residents and four guests from Otis and Sandisfield visited Ashintully Gardens in Tyringham on Saturday, September 10th at the invitation of the Tolland Open Space Committee. It was a smashing success and a lovely way to be introduced to the conservation word of the Massachusetts Trustees of Reservations. Western Regional Direction of the Trustees personally guided us through the magnificent architectural gardens on 100 acres in Tyringham. He gave us a historical and personal context and discussed the issues of maintaining the beautiful space. For those unable to attend, the gardens are typically open through Columbus Day on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Call (413) 298-3239 to confirm that the gardens are open before your visit. The website is http://www.thetrustees.org/pages/251_ashintully_gardens.cfm.

Here's what some of the visitors had to say:

Jim and Debra Desmond: Deb: We both loved it and when the guide was asking what words described it, I thought of civilized: combination of a man's work with nature's beauty that complemented each other. Man holding the reins of nature. Jim: I found it uplifting.

Karl and Jean Foster: Visiting Ashintully was enjoyable because of the blend of nature and design in the gardens and worthwhile because of the window it afforded into the activities of the Massachusetts Trustees of Reservations. The way the different outdoor "rooms" blend with the environment in creating a quiet sense of peaceful tranquility is unique and a wonderful example of what can be accomplished with just the raw materials of a woodland lot.

The Tolland Open Space Committee is exploring alternatives for structuring open space donations and welcomes community input. Write Peter Russell at e.russellewp@verizon.net with your ideas or to volunteer.

Regarding Absentee Ballots...

At the August 9 election, we received four absentee ballots which we could not process. For this reason the votes of these four people were not recorded. Let me explain. An absentee ballot must have the name of the voter on the outside envelope. This envelope is processed by an election official, representing the person who has submitted the ballot. The election worker goes through the check in and check out procedure as a representative of the absentee voter. The election worker, without looking at the choices of the voter, then opens the envelope, and places the ballot into the ballot box

When we were unable to identify the persons casting these four ballots, we were unable to submit the ballots to the ballot box.

Please, in the future, be sure to provide the required information on your absentee ballot so your vote may be counted.

Thank you, *Jean Armitage, Town of Tolland Election Secretary on 8/9/05*

The Tolland Library

Welcome to October: apples, flying geese, leaves, soccer, crisp air and azure blue skies. What a great time of year. I hope everyone is enjoying it in their own way and I hope that the library can be part of that enjoyment.

New items are:

You: The Owner's Manual by Michael F. Roizen

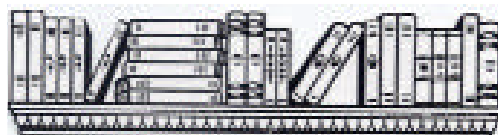
Polar Shift by Clive Cussler

Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

A Change of Heart by Philip Gulley

I would like to remind everyone that besides all the items on our shelves which can be checked out we have a magazine exchange and a book sale rack. The magazines are donated by other patrons and are to be taken and returned at your leisure without being checked out. Our book sale rack is as always 10 cents an item, any item and you never know what might show up. All proceeds go towards purchasing new items and tending our gardens.

Please come in and take advantage of all the library has to offer. Thanks to those who voted to fund the library in the override, we are open, ready and capable to serve.



The Farmington River Watershed Association

*Body Builder Mayfly to Make Guest Appearance at
Macroinvertebrate Training and Data Collection Day*

Saturday, October 15th, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Without Body Builder Mayfly or Michelin-man Caddisfly (and yes those are some of their common names) and their friends, there would be no trout in the Farmington River. In fact there would be no trout in most rivers. Macroinvertebrates, or aquatic insects as they are known to most, are the main food source for many freshwater fish.

The Farmington River Watershed Association is pleased to announce that Mike Beauchene, the skillful and often animated and humorous educator from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, will lead both classroom and field instruction in the identification of aquatic insects. Mike has developed a program so that volunteers can scientifically collect, sort, and identify macroinvertebrates as an indicator of river health. The watershed association is hoping to teach volunteers about these important creatures and to recruit volunteers to join their watershed-wise monitoring program.

Unlike traditional water quality sampling that provides a one day one time snapshot of the health of a river, the study of aquatic insects provides a long-term understand of river quality.

The Saturday, October 15th training program will be held at the Simsbury Apple Barn in Simsbury Connecticut. Participants from any town may attend, and there is no charge. No prior macroinvertebrate knowledge is needed: Just bring a desire to become part of a volunteer environmental team. The training session is part of a grass roots program aimed at developing skills of those who would like to be part of the Farmington River Watershed Association's ongoing effort to monitor the health of the Farmington River.

Be prepared to get your feet wet, but rest assured that all will have fun as they look for the critters that indicate water quality. Lunch will be provided. For more information or to register for this event call or e-mail Joyce Kennedy Raymes at 860-658-4442 x.202 or jkr@frwa.org.

The Farmington River Watershed Association works diligently to promote an understanding among the citizens of the watershed about the need for watershed conservation and exercises leadership in issues including water quality protection, wetland and floodplain preservation, water allocation, land and habitat conservation and recreational usage.

Tolland Ladies Club

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30pm
at the Tolland Town Hall

We will be holding another Family Bingo Night on
Friday November 4 at 7pm
at the Town Hall.
All are welcome

Volunteers Needed Saturday, October 1st for Farmington River Clean-Up

The Farmington River Watershed Association in collaboration with The Stanley Works announces the 18th Annual Farmington River Clean-up. It will take place on Saturday, October 1st, from 8:30am to 2:30pm. It is that time of year when the Farmington River needs our help to rid itself and its banks of a summer's worth of bottles, cans, food wrappers, illegally dumped trash, and other assorted debris. If you work near, live by, travel on, or enjoy the Farmington River come on out and help us keep the river green and clean.

Individuals and groups of all ages will be hauling trash and debris from the banks of the Farmington River and its tributaries, and Waste Management of Farmington will be hauling it away. Sites have been chosen in Avon, Barkhamsted, Bloomfield, Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Granby, and Simsbury. An incredibly outstanding T-shirt designed by Linda Goldsmith and illustrated by Paul Carrier will be given to all participants.

Those with pick-up trucks are especially wanted. Garbage bags and gloves are provided as well, in addition to snacks and water. Last year over 200 volunteers collected nearly 2.5 tons of trash. After the event, volunteers are invited to FRWA's headquarters at 749 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury for a pizza party, courtesy of Little City Pizza.

The event is coordinated by the Farmington River Watershed Association, a not-for-profit organization working to conserve and protect water quality and quantity, habitat and recreational access within the watershed. For more information on how you can help, please call FRWA at (860)-658-4442 or go to the web site at www.frwa.org.

The Farmington River Watershed Association, founded in 1953, is a private, non-profit, conservation organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the 81-mile Farmington River and its 609 square mile watershed.

Sandisfield Arts Center

On Saturday, October 8th at 8 P.M., pianist, Frederick Moyer, will give a concert featuring works of Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn and others. The concert takes place at the Sandisfield Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Moyer's twenty-year career has taken him to forty-one countries and includes the stages of Carnegie Hall and Tanglewood. His enthusiasm, exacting artistry, and adventurous programming have made him a favorite among audiences of all ages. In recital, a delightful commentary from the stage brings the audience into the heart of the musical experience. In one of Moyer's nineteen recordings, he teams up with British baritone, Benjamin Luxon, in "Enoch Arden," a melodrama for speaker and piano with poetry by Alfred, Lord Tennyson and score by Richard Strauss. Luxon, who now lives in Sandisfield, thinks that what is unusual about Moyer is his incredible versatility.

Frederick Moyer is also well known for his residencies that combine major performances, master classes, workshops, school performances and other activities to promote classical music within communities. His activities have been supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities, the Concert Artists Guild, and the US China Arts Exchange among others.

For reservations, call (413) 258-4100. For directions or more information, visit www.sandisfield-artscenter.org.

Veterans, Corner

It doesn't seem possible that school is about to start for another year. It feels like I myself graduated from Agawam High an awful long time ago. My father, on the other hand, will be going to this 70th high school reunion, from the "OLD" Agawam High School next week. I don't feel so old now.... There will be 5 students at that reunion. YOU GO DAD! HAPPY 88th TOO!

I would like to give you an update on the 42nd MP,s . They are still deployed and will continue to be deployed for an undetermined amount of time. With that said, WE will continue to support them and our injured soldiers and our military people in the Holyoke Soldiers Home.

I would also like to get a message to our WOMEN VETERANS, past and present.

Massachusetts Governor,s Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Cordially Invites You to Attend Their Annual Luncheon.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2005 - 12 noon -
Hanscom Air Force Base Officers Club
Tickets- \$18.00 per person
Meal Choice of Grilled Chicken Breast or Baked Scrod
Jewelry Sale, Raffle, and VA Health Fair

Directions to Hanscom AFB: Take Exit 30 B off I-95/Rte 128, Hanscom AFB, Vandenberg Gate. You will receive a post card acknowledging your reservation. Please bring it with you to get thru the gate and onto the base.

Please complete the registration below and return with your check or money order to:

Stephanie Landry
290 Newport Road
Hull, MA 02045

Stephanie.Landry@hou.state.ma.us

Make checks payable to "WOMENS, VETERANS COMMITTEE"

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____EMAIL_____

Number of tickets_____x \$18.00 EACH= \$_____

CHOICE OF MEAL Chicken_____Fish_____

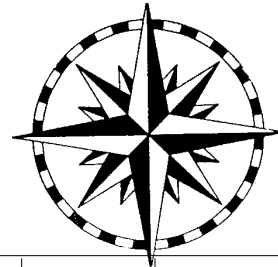
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

Reservations Deadline is October 8th

If you have any questions about this event, give me a call. 786-0400 ext 237. Thanks Ed...

Ed Kellogg, Veterans, Services 786-0400 ext 237 Agawam, Southwick, Granville, Tolland

Tolland Weather



Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level
For the period: August 19, to Sept. 18, 2005

	MAX.	DATE	TIME	MIN.	DATE	TIME
TEMPERATURE	90	Sept 13	3pm	45	Sept. 11	7am
HUMIDITY	100% several times			26%	Sept. 9	3pm
DEWPOINT	76	Aug. 21	3pm	33	Sept. 11	9am
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	30.47	Sept. 6	6am	29.5	Aug. 31	8pm
WIND SPEED/DIRECTION	23mphNW	Sept. 1	6am			
WIND CHILL				minus 7	Nov. 14	7am
TOTAL RAINFALL	3.24					

Comments: Summer Summary:

High temperature was 93 on June 26

Low temperature was 45 on September 11

Total rainfall was 11.12" and 3.12" of this fell in a
2 1/2 hour period on July 15

Granville Federated Church

Granville Federated Church
American Baptist & United Church of Christ
Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034
Phone - (413) 357-8583

GRANVILLE CHURCH ACTIVITIES...The Granville Federated Church Ladies Aid will meet for their monthly potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall , downstairs at the church, on Wednesday, October 19 at noon.

An Adult education program will be held after the worship service on Sunday October 23 at 11:15 am. The study will be led by the Rev. Patrick McMahon. For information please call the church at 357-8583.

A potluck supper will be held in the church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 5 at 6pm. All are welcome to come, bring a dish to share and plan to enjoy the fellowship.

- Sunday - 9am Junior Choir practice. 10am - Worship Service, Sunday School to run concurrently with Worship Service. Childcare available. 11am - Coffee Hour.
- Monday - 7pm - AA Meeting
- Thursday - 7pm - Adult Choir Practice
- First Saturday - 6 pm - Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall
- Third Sunday - 8:30-9:30am - Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall
- Third Wednesday - Noon - Ladies Aid Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
- Fourth Sunday - 11:15 am - Adult Study Program led by the Rev. Patrick McMahon.

All are welcome

Sandisfield Historical Society
Meeting House RTE 183 Old Sandy Brook Tpk - (Rt 57 W - follow signs)

Apple Fest

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 10am - 3pm
Flea Market (discovery toys vendor, Tag Sale, Kids Penny Auction, Silent Auction.

Raffle...

- \$75 Gift Certificate, Home Depot
- 2 Bundles Kindling Wood, \$25.
- \$25 Gift Certificate, Snow Farm
- \$25 Gift Certificate, Price Chopper
- Picnic Basket with \$50 worth of goodies
- \$40 outdoor decorative planter, etc.

FRESH LOCAL APPLES, pumpkins, cranberries. Dogs & Burgers (Veggie too), apple pie apple cake, apple everything!...and other home baked goods. Apple cider - hot or cold depending on the weather. Games for kids - apple bowling, pumpkin drawing, who knows what else...

Look forward to seeing you there.



Benefit Concert

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2pm

Refreshments

SINGER/SONGWRITER
JEFFREY FOLMER

Opened for many nationally known artists. His DC "Fire in the Night" received top-ten listings, and his song "Milky Way" was featured in an award-winning film. With his clear voice and commanding stage presence, Jeffrey's shows purely sparkle with passion and energy.

A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Admission \$5, children under 12 Free
Call Marcia for information on both programs 413 258-2898

*This performance is supported by the Sandisfield Cultural Council,
a local agency supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.*

Calling all ghosts and goblins!!!



When: Saturday October 22

Time: 1:00 pm to ??

Where: In the field on the corner
of Rt 57 and Colebrook
River Road

- Hayride to the Pumpkin Patch
 - Pumpkin Hunt
 - Pumpkin Carving
 - Donuts and cider

Sponsored by the Tolland Recreation Committee

Town Hall Hours:

- Mon. & Tues. - 8:00am to 4:00pm
- Wed. from 8:00am to 12pm




Assessor Clerk's hours : Monday 10am-4pm

Town Clerk hours: Monday 1 - 4pm



OCTOBER 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. 3:00pm - 8:30pm Thurs. 11:00am - 4:00pm Sat. 10:00am -12:00pm Senator Knapik's Office Hours: Monday September 12 - 11:30 to12:15						1 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
2 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP	3 5 - 6 Bldg.Insp. 6:00 Selectmen Sen.Knapik 11:30-12:15	4 2 - 4 pm Board of Health	5 SPECIAL TOWN MTG. 7:00PM 5 - 7:00pm DUMP	6	7	8 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
9 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP	10 COLUMBUS DAY	11 2 - 4 pm Board of Health Tolland Women's Club - 7:30 at Town Hall	12 5-7:00pm DUMP	13	14	15 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
16 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP	17 5:00 Bldg.Insp 6:00pm Selectmen . 7:00pm PlanningBoard	18 2 - 4 pm Board of Health	19 5-7:00pm DUMP	20	21	22 PUMPKIN CARVING 1:00pm 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
23/30 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP	24/31 5:00 Bldg.Insp 6:00pm Selectmen HALLOWEEN.	25 2 - 4 pm Board of Health	26 5-7:00pm DUMP	27	28	29 9 - 11:00 am DUMP

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DEADLINE: Copy and calendar events must be received by the 20th of each month. Items can be mailed to the Town Hall, dropped off at the Town Hall or by E-Mail to: jeanwillow@crocker.com

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